

WET DC1



Structurally intact or almost so; bark or small branches still attached; few signs of wood decay; wood mostly retains original colour

DC2



Structurally less intact but still hard when kicked; small branches absent; little or no bark present; early signs of wood decay or discoloration

DC3



Clearly decaying but still supports its own weight; may be slightly soft when kicked; may be hollow in places; no bark; moss and fungi may be prominent

DC4



Cannot support its own weight; soft to kick (but may still be hard in places; in which case may be extensively hollow); moss, fungi and invading roots likely

DC5



No longer retains original shape; wood very soft or largely disintegrated; sometimes only outline visible beneath moss and invading roots etc

DRY DC1



Structurally intact or almost so; bark or small branches still attached; few signs of wood decay; wood mostly retains original colour

DC2



Structurally less intact but still hard when kicked or stood on; small branches absent but big ones may linger; little or no bark present; early signs of wood decay or discoloration

DC3



Clearly decaying but still supports its own weight; may be slightly soft when kicked or springy when stood on; may look or sound hollow in places; no bark

DC4



Cannot support its own weight; soft to kick and/or fragments when stood on (but may still be hard in places; in which case may be extensively hollow)

DC5



No longer retains original shape; wood very soft or largely disintegrated; sometimes only outline visible beneath lichens and litter etc